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29. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 28 23 further comprising the step of:

comparing the final risk assessment value with a threshold to determine failures requiring corrective action.

- 30. (Cancel)
- 31. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of comparing the preliminary risk assessment with a threshold further comprises the step of:

defining the threshold as a customer override input.